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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 5160 ACTION SECSTATE NOVEMBER 28TH:

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TAGS: UNGA, ECOSOC, SENV

SUBJ: 28TH GA: UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, ITEM 50,

SECOND COMMITTEE

1. AT SESSION TODAY FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

L. 1305--COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT CON-

CERNING NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES:

OP PARA 1: 84-5-36(US); OP PARA 2: 76-8-41(US)

OP PARA 3: 74-6-42(US); RES AS A WHOLE: 78-6-41(US)

EXPLANATION OF VOTE PROVIDED BY US DELEGATE (MARK EVANS)

AS FOLLOWS (TAKEN FROM NOTES): "THOUGHT PROVOKING VOTE

EXPLANATIONS AND THEIR AUTHORS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED

WE CAN ALIGN OURSELVES WITH MANY OF THEM. I WOULD LIKE

TO ALIGN MYSELF WITH THE REMARKS BY THE DISTINGUISHED

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REP OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE UNITED

STATES ABSTAINED ON THE VOTE ON RES L. 1305. LET ME

ASSURE ITS SPONSORS THAT WE DID SO WITH SINCERE REGRET.
LET ME COMPLIMENT THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE
OF URUGUAY, NOT ONLY FOR HIS WORTHY MOTIVATION BUT
FOR HIS STATESMANSHIP IN WITHDRAWING HIS AMENDMENT.
ALLOW ME TO ATTEMPT A CLARIFICATION OF OUR VOTE. IF
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRINCIPLE WAS ALL THAT WAS
INVOLVED, OUR VOTE MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN
DIFFERENT. AS IT WAS, A VOTE "FOR" OR "YES" COULD BE
INTERPRETED AS A VOTE AGAINST COUNTRIES WITH WHOM THE
UNITED STATES HAS THE WARMEST RELATIONS. ON THE CON-
TRARY, A VOTE "NO" COULD HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY INTERPRETED.
IN SUCH A SITUATION THE US HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABSTAIN.
I REITERATE, WE DID SO WITH PROFOUND AND DEEP REGRET."

L. 1313--CONFERENCE EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

OPERATIVE PARA 5:-66(US)-1-13

RES AS A WHOLE: 80(US)-0-9

L. 1314--CRITERIA GOVERNING MULTILATERAL FINANCING
OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

RES AS A WHOLE: 83-3-37(US)

L. 1315--REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL:
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

L. 1316--ENVIRONMENT FUND: ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

3. THE VOTE ON RES L. 1317 WAS PUT OFF FOR "A FEW" DAYS,
REFLECTING NEED FOR DELEGATIONS TO CONSULT GOVERNMENTS
FOLLOWING REVISION OF THIS RESOLUTION.
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